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WITHIN a few days, BED-SITTING ROOM, with Board, for Married Couple. About \$140.
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Queen's Road.
Hongkong, December 23, 1902. 2646

THE CHINA-AND-JAPAN TELEPHONE COMPANY, LIMITED.
WANTED.
YOUNG LADY for Office work. Must speak Chinese fluently.
Apply to MANAGER.
Hongkong, December 6, 1902. 2513

WANTED.
EXPERIENCED YOUNG MAN seeks employment in an Office. Good references.
Apply 'EXPECTANCY,'
Care of 'China Mail' Office.
Hongkong, December 10, 1902. 2551

WANTED.
EMPLOYMENT After 5 p.m. by a young man. Fully competent to undertake any ordinary Office work. FIGURING, BOOK-KEEPING or TYPE-WRITING.
Apply 'E. S.,'
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Hongkong, November 25, 1902. 2421

WANTED.
FURNISHED ROOM with BATH ROOM attached in close neighbourhood. No objection to Kowloon.
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Hongkong, December 16, 1902. 2501

WANTED.
YOUNG ASSISTANT wanted for our Shanghai House.
Apply to—
ROBINSON PIANO CO., LTD.
Hongkong, December 17th, 1902. 2598

SITUATION WANTED.
A GENTLEMAN well up in FRENCH COMMERCIAL CORRESPONDENCE, and BOOK-KEEPING seeks employment in an Office; speaks a little English; good references.
Apply to 'M. R.,'
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Hongkong, December 22, 1902. 2631

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HIGH GRADE MANILA CIGARS.
ALWAYS IN STOCK.
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Hongkong.
Hongkong, December 10, 1902. 2547

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JAMES BUCHANAN & CO.
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Hongkong, December 20, 1902. 2622

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RAPHAEL TUCK'S BEST DESIGNS.
ASSORTMENT OF WORK BOXES &c.
SUITABLE FOR WEDDING AND CHRISTMAS PRESENTS

PARLOUR GAMES AND CRACKERS
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CAMPBELL MOORE & CO., LIMITED,
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Hongkong, November 11, 1902. 2295

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HATS, BONNETS, BALL DRESSES and TRIMMINGS.
Direct from the best houses of Paris and Lyons.

UNTRIMMED HATS made up to Suit Customers.
Choice Assortment of

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Just Received.
Hongkong, December 18, 1902. 2604

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Bring your Photo Work to us. It will receive prompt and careful attention.
Yours very truly,
C. H. LE MUNYON.
Hongkong, December 23, 1902. 2637

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PURE, SPARKLING, INVIGORATING,
THE LEADING MINERAL WATER OF THE EAST.

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Business Notices.

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PACKING OF EVERY DESCRIPTION.
BOILER-COMPOSITION,
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ALL ARTICLES OF FIRST-CLASS QUALITY.
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SULTANAS. CURRANTS. RAISINS.
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A FIRST-CLASS HOTEL PROVIDED WITH EVERY COMFORT.
NEWLY-FURNISHED ROOMS.
TWO LIFTATORS.
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BEST QUALITY LIQUORS & PROVISIONS.
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"HAPPY RETREAT."
HAPPY VALLEY.
FRESH MILK, TEA, COFFEE, COCOA and CAKES at all Hours.
"TEFFINS" from 12 to 3 p.m. Dinners from 6 to 10 p.m.
SPLENDID LAWN.
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NEW MILLINERY. CAPES and COATS. FUR and FEATHER BOAS. FURZE and HOPSACK. TWEEDS and MELTON. LACE COLLARS, RUFFLES and FICHUS. SHOES and GLOVES FOR DAY and EVENING WEAR.
SILKS. CHIFFONS. LOUISIENE. CREPE DE CHINE. BRUSSELS NETS.
22 QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.
Hongkong, December 6, 1902. 2095

LOST.

IN the Lavatory of the Hongkong Hotel, a GENTLEMAN'S ENGLISH SILVER LEVER WATCH and Gold Chain, with Gold Locket and Japanese Ivory Charm attached.
The Finder will be Rewarded, if necessary, on returning same to 'H.,'
Care of 'China Mail' Office.
Hongkong, December 22, 1902. 2632

KING EDWARD HOTEL

A HIGH-CLASS PRIVATE HOTEL.
Ladies' Aft-noon Tea Room.
Private Bar and Billiard Rooms.
Rooms specially reserved for Captains of the MERCANTILE MARINE.
Hot and Cold Water throughout.
Electrically Lighted.
Electric Passenger Elevator to each Floor.
Table D'Hote at Separate Tables.
For terms, &c., apply to the
MANAGER.
Hongkong, October 23, 1902. 2172

NOTICE.

ON and after SATURDAY, the 27th December 1902, the Offices of the undersigned will be moved to the 1st FLOOR of No. 8, Des Voeux Road CENTRAL (at the corner of Des Voeux Road Central and Ice House Street, above Messrs. Hughes and Houghton's Auction Rooms).
JOHNSON, STOKES & MASTER.
Hongkong, December 23, 1902. 2643

THE MUTUAL STORES,
8 and 10, D'Almeida Street.
GENERAL PROVISION DEALERS,
WINE & SPIRIT MERCHANTS, &c.
PRICES VERY REASONABLE.
GOODS GUARANTEED TO BE FRESH AND OF THE BEST QUALITY.
Hongkong, January 17, 1902. 118

BOARD AND RESIDENCE.
TANG YUEN,
MACDONNELL ROAD, from 15th January. Large, Airy, and Well-furnished Rooms. Uninterrupted View of Harbour.
Apply on Premises or FAIRALL & CO., Queen's Road.
Hongkong, January 2, 1902. 05

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Portland Cement.

In casks of 375 lbs net, \$6.00 per cask, or Factory
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FACTORIES—HONGKONG AND MACAO.
Glazed Stoneware, Drain Pipes and Fittings, Glazed Paving Bricks and Tiles, Fire Bricks and Fire Clay.
FIRE CLAY WORKS.—DEEP WATER BAY, HONGKONG
For further particulars, apply to

Shewan, Tomes & Co.,
GENERAL MANAGERS.
2825

The Peak Hotel.

Admirably Situated—Sheltered from the North-East Monsoon and Open to the South-West Monsoon.
A COVERED GANGWAY LEADS FROM THE TRAMWAY TERMINUS INTO THE HOTEL.
Telephone No. 23.
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HAVE NOW A FULL STOCK OF HOSIERY, AND THEIR USUAL FINE SELECTION OF NOVELTIES FOR AUTUMN WEAR; Also FOOTBALL, CRICKET AND TENNIS GEAR. WALKING AND EVENING GLOVES.
Hongkong, September 29, 1902. 228

Cutler, Palmer & Co. LONDON.

(Wine Shippers to China since 1816).
Have always Stocks of their well-known Brands with
SIEMSEN & CO. 1463
Hongkong, 15th July, 1901.

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DAKIN'S ANISEED AND LICORICE COUGH BALSAM.
For the Relief of all CATARRHICAL COMPLAINTS, such as COUGHS, COLDS, HOARSENESS, and SORENESS OF THE CHEST.
Price 50 Cents and 81.
"MARTIN'S INFLUENZA MIXTURE."
THE REMEDY FOR INFLUENZA, COLD IN THE HEAD, HAY FEVER, AND CATARRH.

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CHARLES HEIDSIECK,

PURVEYOR TO HIS MAJESTY KING EDWARD,
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SOLE AGENTS FOR CHINA AND JAPAN.

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Christmas and New Year Cards
VERY LARGE STOCK—NEWEST STYLE.
BOYS' ANNUAL. GIRLS' ANNUAL. CHUMS. SUNDAY.
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LETT'S AND SMITH'S DIARIES, 1903.
RACKET, RACKETS, \$7.50 EACH—SALTER'S BEST QUALITY.

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CHESS, DRAUGHTS, AND BOARDS COMPLETE.
SANDOWN. BOXING GLOVES.
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TENNIS RACKETS. CRICKET GOODS.
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Owing to repairs to our present premises, we have this day REMOVED to 16, Queen's Road; entrance, bottom of Zetland Street.
Caldbeck, Macgregor & Co.,
WINE AND SPIRIT MERCHANTS
Ho kong December 15, 1902

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NEW SELECTIONS OF—

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A healthy child is naturally full of life. His mother will tell you **Rainier Beer** did her a lot of good. Its pure ingredients, its perfect brewing when used in moderation, all tend to build up the system. Better try it yourself.

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SEATTLE, WASH.
PHONE RAINIER 30

Per Case (6 dozen Btlts.,) \$18.00
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Telegraphic Address: 'MITSUI' (A.B.C. and A 1 Codes.)

CONTRACTORS OF COAL to the Imperial Japanese Navy and Armies and the State Railways; Principal Railway Companies and Industrial Works; Home and Foreign Mail and Freight Steamers.

SOLE PROPRIETORS of the Famous Mito, Tagawa, Yamano, and Ida Coal Mines. SOLE AGENTS for Hokkaido, Honjo, Kanada, Kishima, Mameda, Mannoura, Onoura, Otsuji, Sasahara, Tsubakuro, Yoshimoto, Yoshida, Yuzukibara, and other Coals.

N. INUZUKA, Manager, Hongkong.

Hongkong, November 22, 1902.

A PERFECT BEVERAGE.

van Houten's Cocoa

is known and prized throughout the whole world for its high quality and delicious natural flavor.

van Houten's Cocoa

Best & Goes Farthest.

Intimations.

THE EASTERN EXTENSION AND GREAT NORTHERN TELEGRAPH COMPANIES.

REVISED CURRENCY CHARGES ON CABLEGRAMS.

THE Senders of Telegrams are hereby advised that from the 1st of JANUARY, 1903, the currency equivalent of the franc has been raised from 89.49 to 94.46, subject to further revision three months hence, at which rate the tariffs for all telegrams from China will be collected. Any further information desired may be obtained by applying at the Companies' Office.

J. M. BECK,

Superintendent.

Hongkong, December 22, 1902. 2628

ZETLAND LODGE.

No. 525, E.C.

A REGULAR MEETING of ZETLAND LODGE will be held at FREEMASON'S HALL, ZETLAND STREET, on SATURDAY, the 27th December, at 8.0 p.m. for the purpose of considering and if thought fit, passing the proposed Special Resolution.

Hongkong, December 22, 1902. 2641

ROTHEN MARK LODGE—No. 264.

A REGULAR MEETING of the ROTHEN MARK LODGE will be held at the FREEMASON'S HALL, on MONDAY, the 28th instant, at 5.00 for 5.30 p.m. precisely. VISITING BRETHREN are cordially invited to attend.

Hongkong, December 23, 1902. 2642

THE CHINA-BORN COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the CHINA-BORN COMPANY, LIMITED, will be held at the REGISTERED OFFICES of the Company, 4, Queen's Buildings, Victoria, in the Colony of Hongkong, on MONDAY, the 29th day of DECEMBER, 1902, at 12 noon, for the purpose of considering and if thought fit, passing the proposed Special Resolution.

RESOLUTION.

That the Company be wound up voluntarily under the Provisions of the Companies Ordinance, 1885-1899, and that the Hon. and CHAS. STEWART SHARP, ALEXANDER GEORGE WOOD, and JOHN THOMAS MARTIN WHEELER be appointed Liquidators of the said Company with liberty for each of them to exercise all the powers of the joint Liquidators.

Dated this 13th day of December, 1902.

By Order of the Consulting Committee,

WILLIAM D. JIPP,

Acting Manager.

2569

THE HONGKONG HIGH-LEVEL TRAMWAYS, CO., LTD.

NOTICE is hereby given that the EIGHTEENTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Shareholders of the above Company will be held at the REGISTERED OFFICES of the Company, 38 and 40 Queen's Road Central, on TUESDAY, the 30th day of December 1902, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 30th November, 1902.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 23rd to 31st instant, both days inclusive.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, General Managers.

Hongkong, December 16, 1902. 2599

LODGE EASTERN SCOTIA, F.O.W. LOON, 923 S.C.

THE installation of the R.W.M. Elect and investment of officers of the Lodge will take place on Tuesday, the 29th inst. at 6 p.m. sharp, at the Masonic Hall, Zetland St. and not at Sir P. Claver's, Bungalow, Kowloon.

Visiting brethren are cordially invited.

Hongkong, December 21, 1902. 2659

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the TWELFTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of the National Bank of China, Limited, will be held at the Bank premises, Queen's Road, Victoria, Hongkong, on WEDNESDAY, the 21st JANUARY, 1903, at NOON, for the purposes following, namely:—

To receive and consider statement of accounts and balance sheet to 31st December 1902, the reports of the Directors and Auditors thereon, to elect Auditors, and transact the other ordinary business of the Company.

The Transfer Books and Register of Members of the Company will be CLOSED from the 8th to the 21st day of January 1903, both days inclusive.

By Order,

GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, December 19, 1902. 2613

CHRISTMAS 1902.

THE undersigned is now prepared to supply

CHRISTMAS CAKES of the best quality, weighing from 1 lb. to 15 lbs., and also MINCE PIES, ASSORTED CAKES, &c., &c.

D. SOWBOKE & SON,

51, Des Voeux Road.

Hongkong, December 15, 1902. 2672

NOVELTY.

CHARMING

XMAS AND NEW YEAR

POST CARDS

For sale at GRACA & CO. Foreign and Colonial POSTAGE STAMPS DEPOT at HONGKONG HOTEL CORRIDOR.

INSPECTION INVITED.

Hongkong, November 21, 1902. 2393

THE TANJONG PAGAR DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED, SINGAPORE.

TO CONTRACTORS.

THE Tanjong Pagar Dock Company, Limited, Singapore, is prepared to receive TENDERS for the CONSTRUCTION or COMPLETION of a new GRAVING DOCK at Kappel Harbour in Singapore, of the following dimensions, viz:—

Length 400 feet.

Width at entrance, at sill level, 55 ft.

Depth on sill below H.W.O.S.T. 20 ft.

as shown in the drawings and described in the specification.

Specifications and plans of the proposed Dock, may be seen at the Offices of the Company in Singapore.

The Company does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender.

Tenders shall be for a cash payable in Singapore, in Singapore currency.

Sealed tenders addressed to the undersigned, will be received up to the 28th day of February, 1903.

By order of the Directors,

W. C. NIVEN, Secretary.

The Tanjong Pagar Dock Company, Limited.

Singapore, November 21, 1902. 2515

Intimations.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS.

IN accordance with the provisions of Ordinance No. 6 of 1875 the under-mentioned BANKS will be CLOSED for the Transaction of Public Business on THURSDAY and FRIDAY, the 25th and 26th instant respectively.

For the 'Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China,'

T. P. COCHRANE,

Manager, Hongkong.

For the 'Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation,'

J. R. M. SMITH,

Chief Manager.

For 'The National Bank of China, Limited,'

GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR,

Chief Manager.

For 'The Mercantile Bank of India, Limited,'

EVAN ORMISTON,

Acting Manager, Hongkong.

For the 'Banque de l'Indo-Chine, Hongkong Agency,'

G. MAYER,

Acting Manager.

For the 'Yokohama Specie Bank, Ltd.,'

TARO HODSOMI,

Manager.

For the 'Imperial Bank of China,'

E. W. RUTTER,

Manager.

For the 'Deutsch-Asiatische Bank,'

H. FIGGF,

Manager.

For the 'Russia-Chinese Bank,'

J. H. R. TAYLOR,

Representative in Hongkong.

For the 'Guaranty Trust Co. of New York,'

E. F. GROS,

Acting Manager.

Hongkong, December 22, 1902. 2624

HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED.

WITH a view to avoid the frequent revision of prices necessitated by the continued fall in exchange the Hotel Company's charges will, from the 1st January, 1903, be quoted in sterling.

Dollars will be accepted at the demand rate of exchange of the day on which payment becomes due.

H. HAYNES,

Manager, Hongkong Hotel.

Hongkong, December 1, 1902. 2475

THE HONGKONG STEAM WATER BOAT CO., LTD.

SHAREHOLDERS are hereby notified that the remaining call of THREE DOLLARS per share is now called up and is payable at the Company's Office No. 37 Cornhill Road on or before Jan. 2nd 1903.

On payment Shareholders will please hand in their shares for endorsement by the Manager.

By Order,

J. W. KEW,

Manager.

Hongkong, December 15, 1902. 2574

WILLIAM MACLEOD, D.D.S., DENTIST.

11 and 12 BEACONSFIELD ARCADE.

Hongkong, October 17, 1902. 2137

GERMAN S. S. PEIYANG.

ANY Claims or Bills against the above steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 31st December, 1902, or they will not be recognized.

EAST ASIATIC TRADING CO., Agents.

Hongkong, December 4, 1902. 2502

NOTICE.

OWING to the large increase in the cost of toilet etc., we are obliged to raise the price of our Milk to 12 cents per milk bottle from 1st JANUARY next.

THE DAIRY FARM CO., LD.

S. A. SETH,

Secretary.

THE HONGKONG DAIRY,

G. V. GEGG,

Manager.

Hongkong, December 18, 1902. 2608

POHOOMAL BROTHERS,

Of No. 57 and 59, Queen's Road Central.

HAVE just received and unpacked the following articles for Xmas Presents Suitable to Ladies and Gentlemen:—

Japanese and Chinese Silk, Indian Embroideries and Cashmere Shawls,

Indian Fancy Rugs and Carpets.

Ivory, Sandalwood and Tortoise-shell Wares, Cuddies, and Fancy Goods.

An Inspection is earnestly solicited.

Hongkong, December 15, 1902. 2575

MEE CHEUNG,

HIGH-CLASS PHOTOGRAPHER.

Developing and Printing for Amateur Enlargements a SPECIAL FEATURE.

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W. C. NIVEN, Secretary.

The Tanjong Pagar Dock Company, Limited.

Singapore, November 21, 1902. 2515

Intimations.

ANGLO-AMERICAN STORES,

HONGKONG - 1 and 3, WELLINGTON STREET. KOWLOON - 64, ELGIN ROAD.

- CHRISTMAS GOODS -

CHRISTMAS CARDS. TOM SMITH'S CHACKERS.

HUNTLEY & PALMER'S FAMOUS CHRISTMAS CAKES & SHORTBREAD.

GALLARD & BOWSER'S BUTTER SCOTCH, ETC. CADBURY'S CHOCOLATES—FANCY BOXES.

SWEETS, BEST KINDS, IN GREAT VARIETY.

YOUR INSPECTION IS INVITED. PRICES ON APPLICATION.

DOOLITTLE & POLLOCK, PROPRIETORS.

1729

For Sale.

FOR SALE.

CRUISER YACHT for sale, accommodation for 4; light draft, good sporting boat, about 45 feet over all, fully found. Price \$1,500. Offer considered or owner would sell where, as he very seldom uses her.

W. ROBINSON,

ROBINSON PLANO CO., LTD.

Hongkong, October 31, 1902. 2224

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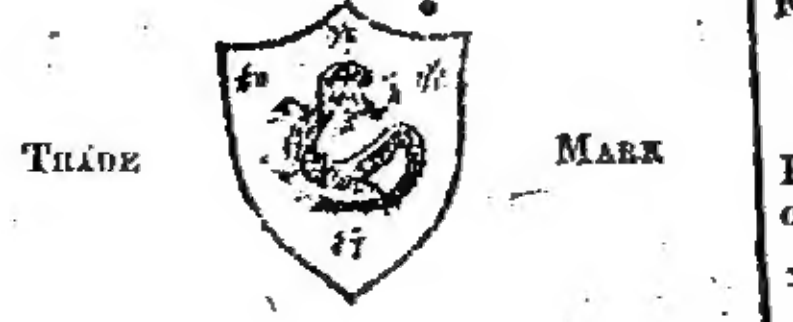
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General Memoranda.

FRIDAY, December 26:—
Local Banks close.
Goods per *Mermaidshire* undelivered after this date subject to rent.

SATURDAY, December 27:—
6 p.m.—Meeting of Zealand Lodge.
2 15 p.m.—Competition for Long Range Cup and Spoons, &c., of the Hongkong Rifle Association.

MONDAY, December 29:—
Noon.—Meeting of Shareholders of The China-Borneo Co., Ltd., at the Company's Registered Office.
5.30 p.m.—Meeting of 12th Mark Lodge.

TUESDAY, December 30:—
Goods per *Indra* not cleared at Noon on this date subject to rent.
3 p.m.—Meeting of Shareholders of The Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corp., Ltd., at Company's Registered Office.
6 p.m.—Meeting of Lodge Eastern Scotland, No. 1023, S.O., at Masonic Hall.

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MARRIAGE.
On the 17th December, at St. Peter's Church, Hongkong, by the Rev. J. H. France, DAVID CHRISTIE to EDITH JONES.

DEATH.
On the 23rd December, at 28 Cairn Road, ELIZABETH, the dearly beloved wife of G. J. W. King; aged 45 years.

The publication of this notice commenced at 5.20 p.m.

The China Mail.

HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1902.

CHRISTMAS AND YULE.

CHRISTMAS time brings a mingled cup of joy. All anniversaries have the bitterness of reminding many of us that another year has passed and that one fewer remains to be lived in this world, which, with all its faults, no one is anxious to leave. After a certain age, few men and no women are glad to be a year older. Still, there is none so old that he cannot hope to live another year, and the uncertainty as to how many more Christmases we may each see is a precious possession. A wise man would be willing to live for ever, if he knew exactly what span of life were before him as he would be, if he were assured he should live for ever. The dreaded day is approaching, but we cannot measure its steps, so that the sombre certainty does not oppress us as the inexorable advance of death would if we could measure its steps. No sane man would be willing to live for ever, to outpace all his loved ones and sink into the immortal senility of the Laputan Struldbruggs of Dean Swift's grim satire. These thoughts seen out of keeping with the mirthful season, but they are strictly relevant. Long before the Christian era, Christmas, the winter solstice, was the festival of death. Nature had been slowly dying; beasts and birds had been migrating or retiring to hibernate; the trees had been slowly doffing the glorious robes of autumn; the very sun had risen later and later day by day, taking a lower range and a shorter course, and the iron-bound earth showed no promise of the recurrent resurrection miracle of spring. Men's minds claimed a reaction, and the time of the death of Balder became a season of saturnalia, vivid and deliciously exuberant in contrast to the gloom that nature impressed on the hearts of men. Hence Yule was the time of the religious and social rites in which man revolted violently against the depression of his environment. Then Christianity took hold of Yule, and transmuted it into Christmas, a time not merely to rejoice but to make others happy also, to eat the fat and drink the sweet and send a portion to those for whom nothing is provided. One of the lessons which Christianity compelled the captured and enlisted heathen festival to teach was the minor one of goodwill. The heathenism of it survives in the pudding, the mistletoe and holly, the snapdragon and the kisses that constitute Christmas to a child; and the disappointed heart and soured minds of their elders, who have learned how much bitterness mingles with the sweetest cup, are relaxed and softened by the contemplations of their joy. The man who strove earnestly to be happy, and strove in vain, said at last that he would give up his vain endeavour, and strive to make others happy instead. And, lo, the happiness he had vainly sought came in abundance to himself also. There are deeper and truer lessons in the season, lessons the enunciation of which belongs rather to the pulpit than to the columns of the newspaper, but the lesson of the larger charity is before us all, the charity which is not mere almsgiving but can be shown brightly by those who have no aims to bestow, in the attempt to give others a merry Christmas. Those who do not do this will have a doleful time themselves, with bills and pills instead of toys and joys. Those who contribute to the glee of others, and especially of the little ones, cannot fail to secure their own gladness by the act. We remember also that the world with all that is in it belongs to the children, not to us. We are fast loosening our grip on it, and they will shortly enter into their inheritance. Let us make these future masters of our accumulated experience and industry glad while we may, that they may cherish our memory and pass on the joyous tradition to unborn generations.

In after days, thy memory shall be blest
By children of the children of thy child.
The very time that slackens work is
The time that men have leisure to think

kindly thoughts and to do kindly actions. Then the gloomy thought that 'I have now a year less to live' will give place to the exultant assurance that 'I have put to my credit other-where, one more twelvemonth, the close of which at least was marked by some good work for my fellow-men.' If it be true that a man who makes two blades of grass grow where one grew before is a benefactor to the empire, it follows that the man who sends one ray of sunlight to gladden the opening mind of youth or the darkened heart of aged experience has done no mean service to humanity. Thus, we may garner the passing years into kings' treasure houses, and punctuate the world's progress with the recurrent gratification of the recurring wish—
A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

EDITORIAL COMMENT.

Yesterday afternoon, the Government stole a march upon the Unofficials by reading the whole of the deferred clauses of the Public Health and Buildings Bill in the absence of some of the Unofficial Members. When we last commented on the progress of this Bill, we complimented the Legislative Council on the efforts it was making to pass it into law at an early date; but we pointed out that certain changes in the arbitration clauses were desirable, and we understand that it was the intention of the members who were absent from yesterday's afternoon sitting to offer serious opposition to the Government's proposals. The Government knew some of the members had to attend a Committee meeting of the Chamber of Commerce to discuss a subject as important to this Colony as the Public Health Bill, and surely the Government, in the circumstances, could have agreed to take the debateable clauses at the forenoon sitting or postponed consideration till all the Unofficial Members could be present. Of course, the points at issue can be raised on the third reading, and it is to be hoped the Unofficials will endeavour to bring about the alterations we suggested on the 19th inst.

Recent decisions of local Hongkong's juries in the collapsed JURY SYSTEM cases will raise doubts whether trial by jury in Hongkong is a success. It would be considered iconoclastic to propose the abolition of the jury system, but it seems to us, looking over the jury decisions in Hongkong for the past fifteen years, that miscarriages of justice have been frequent and the verdicts of the juries too often glaringly inconsistent with the evidence submitted for their adjudication. We do not say this was so in the case decided in the Criminal Sessions this week; but the comments of His Honour the Chief Justice and of the learned Attorney General upon the jury's verdict and their extraordinary and inconsistent rider provide food for reflection. The rider to the jury's verdict points to the conclusion that the wall that fell and caused loss of life was imperfectly constructed and that the accused persons who built it were incompetent, but they acquit these incompetent persons of criminal negligence amounting to manslaughter, advocate more stringent laws and official supervision and throw a certain amount of blame upon the Public Works Department. As the Attorney General said: The rider is absolutely inconsistent with the verdict, and the verdict with the rider; taken together, they stultify the jury. If by their rider the jury mean to imply that the Government must provide supervisors to supervise constantly the construction of every building in the Colony, then they take a somewhat extraordinary view of the duties of governments. The responsibility for inefficient or shoddy work must always rest upon the party who builds, and if juries will not convict the parties directly responsible but shift the blame on to those only indirectly involved, then the law cannot be made effective and the public will continue to inhabit houses in this Colony and walk its streets at the peril of their lives, while the guilty parties go free. In this connection, it is not better laws we want but better juries; or, perhaps better still, no juries at all.

Mr. McCalmont's Sudden Death.
As he was going out on the morning of the 8th inst., Mr. Harry McCalmont, M.P., the well-known owner of race horses, was suddenly taken ill on his doorstep, and died almost instantly.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Notes by the Way.
A letter on 'Chivalry and the Chinese' is held over.

The King of Greece was born on the 24th December, 1845.

There is a proposal to build a graving dock at Newcastle in Australia.

The meeting of the Papal Consistory has been postponed till February next.

The English Mail of the 22nd November was delivered in London on the 20th inst.

The Rev. Arthur Knight, Fellow of Caius College, has been appointed Bishop of Rangoon.

The manager of the Esperance Insurance Company, Paris, has absconded with 3,000,000 francs.

Mr. Kilbride, the Irish M.P., has been sentenced to eight months' imprisonment for inciting to murder.

Sydney is observing strict precautions to prevent the importation of plague from Hongkong or India.

Colonel Stawell, Director of Military Education in India, who is now in England, is resigning owing to ill-health.

Mr. Bennett Burleigh, the indefatigable war correspondent of the *Daily Telegraph*, is now in South Africa.

It is notified that from the 1st proximo all silver and copper coins in India will bear the likeness of King Edward VII.

The Bishop of Rochester (Dr. Talbot) has directed his clergy to pray for Mr. Chamberlain's guidance in bringing about the pacification of South Africa.

The Pope has appointed a commission of Cardinals for the preservation of the Roman Catholic faith against Protestantism in Rome.

There were 588 European and 114 Chinese visitors to the City Hall Library, and 85 European and 2097 Chinese visitors to the Museum during the week ending the 21st Dec.

Illegal Hours.
A Chinaman living at 408, Des Vieux Road, was fined \$25 for the Magistrate, to-day, for selling liquors after the legal hour.

Freemasonry.
Lord Kitchener has been appointed District Grand Master of Freemasonry in the Punjab in succession to Sir Power Palmer.

King Edward and Ireland.
It is untrue that Earl Dudley has stated that the King will visit Ireland early in 1903. Nothing is settled about such a visit.

Kowloon Bowling Green Club.
A Spoken competition will take place to-morrow afternoon at 3 o'clock. Members are requested to be on the Green in good time.

Hongkong Gun Club.
The attention of members is directed to the Gun Club notification which appears in our advertising columns. The December competition for the Kewick Cup is postponed till Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, 1st, 2nd and 3rd January.

Still Under Ban.
Manila is still to be kept under ban as cholera-infected. At Tuesday's meeting of the Sanitary Board, on the motion of the President, it was decided to recommend the Government not to rescind the proclamation and to continue the inspection of ships arriving from Manila.

Execution.
Private Abbott, of the Warwickshire Regiment, who was sentenced to death by a court-martial for the murder of Captain Neave, last September, was hanged at Belgium on the morning of the 4th instant in the presence of all the troops in the garrison.

Return of Sir Paul Chater.
Among the passengers who returned by the German mail steamer *Prinzess Alice* to-day were Sir Paul Chater, Dr. Jordan, Mr. A. G. Morris, Mr. J. E. V. Vernon, and Mr. R. A. Gublay. They were welcomed back to the Colony by a large number of friends.

Christmas Holidays.
During the Christmas Holidays the Post Office will be open during the hours stated below:—
On Thursday, the 26th inst., from 8 to 9 a.m. On Friday, the 26th inst., from 8 to 9 a.m. All correspondence for local delivery on these days may be posted up to 9 a.m. The Night Box will be left open during the time the office is closed. The Money Order Office will be entirely closed on both days.

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LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Not Sitting.
There will be no sitting of the Supreme Court in Original Jurisdiction until after the holidays.

The Transvaal Schools.
The Government of the Transvaal has decided that the schools shall be conducted in English, though Dutch will be taught for five hours a week, including Biblical instruction.

Quong Tart's Assault.
At Sydney, on the 1st inst., Frank Duggan was convicted of having in August last assaulted and robbed, Quong Tart. He was sentenced to twelve years' penal servitude.

Suicide of a Noted Shot.
The noted rifle shot, Colonel Thomas Lamb, late South Lancashire, while returning from the international competition in Canada, committed suicide with a rifle aboard the *Eturia*.

Imperial Colonial Battalion.
Major-General Sir Charles Parsons, commanding the regular forces in Canada, suggests the formation of an Imperial Colonial Battalion, with headquarters in England, the various colonies supplying the companies.

Boers' Hidden Money.
Another £130,000 which was concealed by the Boers in South Africa until the close of the war has been landed at Hamburg and handed to Dr. Leyde. And this while the Boer generals are appealing to the world for financial help to relieve Boer distress in South Africa!

Alleged Embezzlement.
M. H. Baptista, a Portuguese clerk in the service of the Chamber of Commerce, has been arrested on a charge of embezzling \$138.93 and \$1,963.84 from the funds of the Chamber. He was formally charged at the Magistrate, to-day, and remanded by Mr. Kemp, bail being fixed at \$10,000. Mr. Looker is conducting the prosecution, and Mr. d'Almeida the defence.

Fever Precautions.
The tenants of Macdonnell Road and Kennedy Road have been advised by the Medical Officer of Health (Hon. Dr. Clark) to boil all water used for consumption, as a precaution against enteric fever. A similar recommendation has been sent to the Principal Medical Officer of H. M. Forces with reference to all buildings in military occupation between Queen's Road East and Macdonnell Road.

Christmas Services.
The services in St. John's Cathedral on Christmas Day will be as follows:—Holy Communion, 7.30 a.m.; Matins and Holy Communion, 11 a.m. There will also be a Celebration of the Holy Communion at the Peak Church at 8 a.m.—A special Christmas service will be held to-morrow at St. Peter's Church, Queen's Road West, commencing at 10 o'clock. There will be special music, and the offertory will be devoted to the Shipwrecked Mariners' Society. All are cordially invited.

Postponed.
At Tuesday's meeting of the Sanitary Board, an application was considered from Messrs Palmer & Turner, architects and surveyors, for permission to erect three water-closets in the building on Inland Lot No. 1,033. The applicants stated that there was an abundant supply of water in the gully on the east side of the lot, producing a constant stream of water even in the driest season. The water was at present running to waste, and it was proposed to apply to Government for permission to utilise it for flushing purposes. Decision of the matter was postponed.

Why he Lied.
The stories told by Chinese in the police courts would incline one to believe them to be the race of born liars some writers say they are. At the Magistrate to-day a case was heard in which a native charged a British constable with having \$15 from him. Mr. Peters defended the officer and succeeded in exposing his mendacious accuser. Mr. J. H. Kemp asked the Chinese why he lied, receiving the answer: 'I said he stole my money because he assaulted me.' A statement no doubt just as true as the original charge. The Magistrate contented himself with cautioning the unscrupulous perpetrator of the truth; a month in jail would have been more convincing.

The 'Chingta' Case.
The *Torres Straits Pilot*, commenting on the 'Chingta' case, says:—Most people will see some incongruity in the sentences imposed in Sydney on the Chinese who were sentenced for perjury in the case against Messrs Kerr and Pargelly, and on Frank Duggan—a white man who notoriously assaulted Quong Tart, the well-known Chinese caterer of Sydney, in August last. On the one hand we have three Chinese, for falsely swearing away the lives of two white men, getting the light sentences of from three to five years. On the other a white man, for assaulting and robbing a Chinese, gets twelve years. The sentences are worth while being noted in London *Truth's* pillory. The diabolical attempt to fix a charge of murder on innocent men is deserving of a life sentence if Duggan's sentence is a just one.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Plague in Australia.
A fatal case of plague is reported at Townsville (Australia) on the 26th ult., the victim being a Mrs. O'Sullivan. There are other cases in the same town.

Football.
On Saturday afternoon next, in the first round for the Hongkong Football Challenge Shield, the Hongkong Football Club will play H.M.S. *Gloria*. Kick-off at a quarter to four. Mr. Triggs will officiate as referee.

Vital Statistics.
The mortality statistics for the Colony for the week ended 13th inst. show a death-rate per 1,000 per annum of 19.5, against 22.8 in the previous week and 23.6 in the corresponding week of last year.

Frau Krupp's Benevolence.
London telegrams state:—Frau Krupp has given a further sum of 3,000,000 marks, in order to establish a workman's benefit fund in memory of her husband. Frau Krupp has given another million marks for the general benefit of the town of Essen.

Played Policeman.
Jip Sik donned the cape and coat of a native constable and proceeded to blackmail the proprietor of the Tang Kim shoe-maker's shop. He secured 15 cents and then he assaulted the shoemaker. At the Magistrate, to-day, he was sentenced to two months for the theft, \$10 or fourteen days for the assault, and \$100 or three months for playing policeman.

A Dorelict.
Captain Esterbrook, of the British steamer *Indra*, which arrived from Manila yesterday, reports that at noon on the 22nd inst. he picked up a boat floating bottom upwards. The boat had evidently been in the water some time as it was covered with barnacles. There was no name or mark upon the boat which would lead to identification.

The Christmas Holidays.
There will be no issue of the *China Mail* to-morrow (Christmas Day). Friday's issue will be published early; but Peak subscribers will receive their copies at the usual hour. On Pages 2 and 3 of this issue, we publish a Christmas story by Katharine Tynan, the well-known writer, and on Friday and Saturday stories by Barry Pain and W. Pett Ridge will be published.

Death of Mr. W. P. Galton.
The *Evening Echo* of the 11th inst. says:—One of the old landmarks of the port has been taken away from us this week by the death on the 11th instant, of Mr. W. P. Galton at 64 years of age. The name of Galton has long been associated with Funchow that the blank will not fail to be felt by the community and all those who have at any time resided here. Mr. Galton had been in an indifferent state of health for some time, and although in consequence of this his end of life was not altogether unexpected, the news of it came upon his friends with somewhat of a shock, seeing that he had been amongst them as late as Sunday last. Mr. Galton was twice married. Two sons and two daughters by his first wife survived him, and much sympathy is felt for them and for his widow in their bereavement. The funeral took place yesterday at the Cemetery, which was largely attended by members of the Community. The Service was impressively read by the Rev. J. Martin.

Total Wreck of a Steamer.
A telegram from Perth (West Australia), dated 3rd inst., says:—Captain G. Rindich and a crew numbering 84, of the Austrian steamer *Zeir*, of 2103 tons, loaded with sugar, bound for Adelaide, ranched Carnarvon to-day. The steamer went aground on the 27th ultimo at Point Clotates, and is a total wreck. No lives were lost. The captain and the men left the steamer in three boats. These they beached 10 miles from the mouth of the Gascoyne River and continued their journey on foot to Carnarvon. Point Clotates is situated about 125 miles north of Carnarvon, a town near the mouth of the Gascoyne. The *Zeir* was a comparatively new vessel, and sailed from Java on November 23 for Melbourne, via Adelaide. She was a steel screw steamship of 2355 tons gross and 2103 tons net, and was chased 100 A1 at Lloyd's. The *Zeir* was built in the year 1900, by Messrs. J. Priestman and Co., at Sunderland and was owned by the Societa in Azioni Lingara Cypria per la Nav Libera, of Fiume, Hungary. Her principal dimensions were:—Length 139 ft., breadth 48 ft., and depth 21 ft. 6 in. She was supplied with engines of the triple expansion type, the diameters of the cylinders being 25 in., 28 in. and 68 in., with a stroke of 48 in.

TO PREVENT CROUP.
HOARSENESS, this season followed by a painful rough cough, which is easily recognized and will never be forgotten by one who has heard it. The time to act is when the child first becomes hoarse. If Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is freely given, all tendency to croup will soon disappear. Even after the croupy cough has developed, it will prevent the attack. There is no danger in giving this remedy, as it contains nothing injurious. It always cures and cures quickly. For sale by All Dealers; WATKINS Ltd., General Agents.

TELEGRAMS.

[REUTERS SERVICE.]

WIRELESS TELEGRAPHY.

London, December 22, 1902.
Signor Marconi has established wireless telegraphic communication between Cape Breton Island and Cornwall, and has transmitted a number of inaugural messages, including one from the Earl of Minto, Governor-General of Canada, to His Majesty King Edward. This is the first time that messages as distinguished from letters have been transmitted.

VENEZUELA.

The British ship *Fantome*, one of the warship blockading Venezuelan ports, is aground at Barrancas, on the Orinoco River.

LATER.

The Italian ship *Giorgio Arsenau* has captured a Venezuelan schooner.

THE EARTHQUAKE IN TURKESHAN.

It is estimated that 16,000 houses were destroyed and 2,500 people killed by the earthquake at Ardijun, Turkeshan, Turkistan, where the rumblings continue. The work of excavation is proceeding, despite all efforts, and the assistance of the Government, the inhabitants are suffering the utmost privations.

BANK FAILURE.

The old established bank of J. & J. W. Pease, of Darlington, has summoned a meeting of its creditors. The liabilities are half a million sterling.

THE PUBLIC HEALTH BILL.

The following is the continuation of the discussion on the Public Health Bill at yesterday's meeting of the Legislative Council:

Sir H. Berkeley proposed the following definition of a room: "Room includes any subdivision of any story of a domestic building other than a room used as a dining-room, sitting-room or pantry. In this definition he had endeavored to meet the fair criticism that had been passed upon the clause which prohibited certain rooms except of certain dimensions."

This definition was approved. The second proviso to section 45 (Overcrowding) was altered to read as follows: "Any cubicle in any existing domestic building which has a window or window opening directly into external air of a glazed area of not less than one-twentieth of the floor area of such cubicle may be inhabited in a proportion not exceeding one adult for every 35 square feet, etc."

Clause 38 put a restriction on partitions, alterations, etc., in tenements, in tenements, including the provision that no blind be hung in any verandah or balcony except with the permission of the Board.

The Governor thought they could get at the solution of this difficulty by prohibiting the dropping of blinds between a certain hour at night and certain hours in the morning. This would prevent balconies and verandahs being made into enclosed sleeping places.

After discussion, it was agreed to alter the section so as to prohibit the letting down of blinds between sunset and sunrise. On the motion of Dr. Ho Kai, the addition which had been made to section 39 was also made to the first bylaw under the heading "Prevention or Mitigation of Epidemic, Endemic or Contagious Disease."

And reasonable compensation for property destroyed or damaged shall in such cases be given.

On the consideration of the arbitration clauses.

Mr. R. Sheehan was of opinion that the provision should be made for the payment of fees to arbitrators appointed under the Bill.

Sir H. Berkeley held that payment of the arbitrators was unnecessary. The clauses were approved as drafted.

The bill, as passed through Committee, provides that in giving compensation for property resumed an average rental of five years shall be taken as the basis. It was suggested by the Attorney General that the previous meeting that the period should be ten years.

On the motion of the Attorney General a general instruction was given the Clerk of the Council to re-arrange the clauses for the third reading of the Bill.

The Governor said: "I am very much obliged to you, gentlemen, for your attendance in connection with the Bill—a long and a very heavy Bill."

British Naval Precautions.

We recently heard, and have since confirmed (says the *Times of Ceylon*) that the Collector of Customs sent round a circular some weeks ago to the various coal trams in Colombo making enquiries on behalf of the Admiralty: such enquiries seeming to indicate that the Admiralty desired to keep a larger stock of coal here than it has hitherto done. The considerations which have to be recalled are the sudden and important demands, and the waste of money which results from the keeping of the larger stock than can be turned over in a short period. The following paragraph is from a commercial letter despatched from Calcutta on the 21st Nov., and published in Bombay, but the quantity mentioned is ridiculously large, and represents at least 20 times the quantity now kept here by the Admiralty:

"In the coal stores there has been a good demand for Standards, and business is reported at 104. Enquiry for coal is increasing, and according to the latest reports, the Admiralty has ordered the stocking of half a million tons of coal in Colombo. Should this be confirmed, we may look for higher prices. In the meantime, two steamers have been chartered for Colombo at B-4 and one for Bombay at B-44, for February, March and December loading respectively."

MY NOTE BOOK.

By the Casual Critic.

Had Mr Dooley been in the Supreme Court House on Monday afternoon he would probably have made the remark—"Juries, juries, is a grand institution. Parliaments spin in ages in making laws and by-laws. The chaps in the wigs and gowns spout before me lord, the Judge, telling him what he should tell the jury to do, and then me lord has his say. And then comes the jury. They have been sittin' all the time, wonderin' maybe what half the talk is about, waitin' their opportunity. Now it's come. And grand is the way they rise to it. Talk of Hanged or Bonaparte or Casey—Divil a bit are they in it wid a jury. While Sir Henry and the Judge were layin' down the law to them, 'e'y was in a most beautiful oblyvion—metaphorically speakin', as Denny Hegarty sez in his guide-book to the new court house that's so new that nobody's seen it, yet. But now's their chance, and they knows it. They go into their little room and they have it out between them. In the good old days when I used to be in jury, it used to be heads or tails for it, or perhaps a three-side match with the Foreman as umpire. It wuz quicker an' just as good. Now, it's a talkin' match, wuzn't it? An' the man wid the biggest wind wins."

"Is the judge shuprior to the jury? Are you shuprior to your wife, Himmissey? Is the lamp at the fut of the Shreet shuprior to the Sun? 'Sorra! the once av it, me boy. Look at that jury, me thick-headed friend! observe the complacent smile av ethyal happiness playin about their imposin' phisges. Think av' their history. The first jury made King John make him, an' he had to. Like Pat Fafferty's parties, six in power, in power they be, and the looks av their faces tell 'em: 'Don't yiz forget it.' They don't give a thyanney for all the judges that iver thrived to teach a jury its business. They're the crone of the skin milk they be, an' if yiz biled em they wouldn't be any different. Think av their verdicts. I wanst new a jury that returned a sensible verdict. What happened? The Judge died av' a fit, an' the leadin' Counsel forgot about his fee. A jury's verdict is like thin pithers of U Lamm—if yiz look at them directly yiz ill see different things every time. Is this way? The jury found the prisoner not guilty, but added a rider to the effect that his lordship should ask the Governor to stick another law in the Statute Book to add to the wanst law already and which wud have helped them to punish the prisoner if they'd had a mind to, but they had not. An' his lordship tellin the prisoner not to do it again, he wuz discharged, an' the jury complimentary for its ethyalphatic intelligence. We are a great people, Himmissey, but the flower av' the flock is the jury."

There is no truth in the rumour that the next annual report of the work done by the Public Works Department will be issued at Tili's Eve. The statement will be issued very shortly after the building of the new year.

Amongst the Christmas gifts received by a Hongkong lady were two pairs of beautifully-fashioned skates. A chip of Happy Valley ice would be a nice New Year's gift for the jecting benefactor.

The case of Sergeant Riley of Sheffield is somewhat sad. He is officially dead, and consequently neither eligible for pay nor discharge. The War Office killed him ten months ago during the wedding out of the Cape Colony, and Riley has since died of his wounds of bloodthirst to the Governor of his comrades. He has assured the War Office that he has not joined Queen Anne and the majority, but they decline to believe him—they know he's dead. Being dead, one would think that he should be free of the roll-call and barrack rules. Riley is not, but as he is dead in the Regimental books, his leave rights have been stopped. He is at his wife's end to know what to do and how to convince the noble establishment in Pall Mall that he is no mere shade, but a real, live Riley.

I pray you, fair mosquito, with the tapping finger too, and torrid too. Refrain from biting. A wise and keen old medicine deep into your ways has passed and so.

Your late mother. As maliciously-inclined, he urges us to plead before you, *enter and myphic*. Hence this writing.

[Dr. Thomson believes that if the mosquito mosquito could be induced to refrain from biting healthy persons, malaria would cease to be.]

WEATHER REPORT.

The following notice is issued by the Hongkong Observatory:—

On the 24th at 11.40 a. The barometer has fallen generally, particularly in the North.

Pressure remains high over Central China, but there are indications of the existence of a low area over Manchuria.

Moderate monsoon on the China coast, strong monsoon over the N. part of the China Sea.

Forecast:—moderate N. winds, fair.

"So Caydog has recovered?" "Yes. The lucky fellow was too poor to be operated on."

THE UNLUCKY BOY.

It is always getting his fingers burnt, his hand cut, or his shoulder sprained. His parents should keep a bottle of Chamberlain's Pain Balm in the house. This is a liniment of superior merit. One application gives relief. Try it. For sale by All Dealers; WATKINS Ltd., General Agents.

LATE TELEGRAMS.

The Dollar.

Calcutta, December 22.—The official dollar exchange rate for the China station, is fixed at one shilling and eight pence for the forthcoming quarter.

The Boer Prisoners.

Stim, November 28.—The repatriation of the Boer prisoners is proceeding rapidly. Of the 9,120 prisoners originally landed in India only 3,034 now remain, and of these 1,444 have sworn or declared allegiance to His Majesty King Edward. In a few days all the prisoners' camps will have been closed except those at Shahjahanpur, Delhi and Ahmednagar.

Lord Kitchener.

Calcutta, December 2.—The *Gazette Extraordinary* announces the appointment of Lord Kitchener to be an Extraordinary Member of the Governor-General's Council.

The Plague.

The latest weekly returns show that a further decrease from 6,535 to 5,877 deaths has occurred in the Bombay Presidency from plague, and an increase from 773 to 1072 in the Punjab.

Famine Relief.

December 4.—The numbers under famine relief in India fell last week to 23,897, a reduction of six thousand in seven days. Almost the whole of those remaining on relief are infirm, aged and children.

Heavy Insurance Losses.

November 29.—A golden of Ralli Bros. late press at Chitpore containing a large quantity of iron was completely burned down yesterday.

Afghan Affairs.

Allahabad, December 3.—The amount of transport required for the Seistan Mission may be judged from the fact that 1,390 camels have had to be hired in addition to the Sillabani Camel Corps available. Captain Tutenham, Quarantine Officer, Calcutta, has been appointed to the charge of the hired animals.

The Afghans who were induced some time ago to enlist in the Afghan army, are now deserting freely. They do not appear to feel certain that their pay will be at all regular.

The Atlantic Combine.

London, December 1.—In connection with the Atlantic Steamship Combine, Mr. Pierpont Morgan is now in London, and is paying to-day £4,500,000 sterling cash to shareholders of the White Star and the Dominion Lines as part payment for shares.

Accident to Lord Milner.

Lord Milner, at Harrismith, is reported to have been thrown from his horse, but his injuries were slight.

A Lake Steamer Founders.

Nov. 30.—News from New York states that an American steamer has foundered during a gale on Lake Erie, and the crew of fifteen men were drowned.

A Boiler Explosion.

It is reported that a boiler explosion took place in the electric lighting building of Swift's Packing Company, Chicago, which killed eleven men and injured twenty others.

Dillon very ill.

Mr. John Dillon, M.P., who has been very ill at Chicago, is now reported to be worse, and his wife was being summoned.

Police Active Again.

Latest news from the Indian Republics that Mount Pelée has again become energetic, and another violent eruption has taken place.

Fire at Rat Portage.

December 1.—A fire at Rat Portage, Canada, destroyed 25 million feet of lumber, many houses, and six steamers, the damage being estimated at 1,000,000 dollars.

Cold Weather.

November 25.—Intensely cold weather is reported from Paris, and five deaths in the streets are recorded from it.

King's Hospital Fund.

The trustees of King Edward's Hospital Fund have divided £100,000 among ninety-eight institutions.

Smallpox.

An outbreak of smallpox was reported at Blackburn, Lancashire, and is creating a deal of alarm. Twelve deaths are reported.

A Divorce Case.

November 27.—Sir Charles Cradock, Bart., is seeking a divorce from his wife, Earl Cowley being co-respondent. Sensational evidence is being given, and his wife denies the adultery and alleges her husband is guilty of cruelty to her, and of witchcraft, and asks for dissolution of the marriage.

A Big Scheme.

November 26.—The Eastern Cattle, Cold Storage, and Land Company is now being formed with a capital of £450,000, to develop 22,000 square miles of country on the Port Darwin side of the littoral of the Gulf of Carpentaria. The Company is to export beef, and it is also proposed to settle a colony of Italian sugar-growers.

Strike Leader Sentenced.

Kecke, the chairman of the Miners Strike Committee at Swansea, has been sentenced to twelve months for maliciously wounding imported labourers.

Attempt to Wreck an Express.

A disabed attempt was made to wreck the Midland Express at Darwen, Lancashire. Fortunately the attempt was discovered and frustrated.

The Governor-General of Australia.

The *Specialist*, in an article on the Commonwealth of Australia, states that a salary of £10,000 and one house is ample for the Governor-General. The journal adds that it would be well if he received a hint to live as a gentleman and not as a financial prince.

Russian Troubles.

November 29.—There is a growing crisis in Southern Russia, and 140,000 workers have been discharged from the collieries, ironworks and oil mines, during the past year.

Dec. 2.—Half the Customs officers at Nicolaieff have been dismissed for black-mailing foreign shippers, who paid to secure landing and prompt despatch.

Dec. 3.—Three thousand men at the Vladikavkaz railway workshops at Rostov-on-Don, Southern Russia, have gone out on strike. As they gathered in crowds the Cossacks were called out. The strikers stoned the soldiers, wounding 19 of them. The crowds refused to disperse, and the Cossacks fired a volley on the strikers, killing two of them and wounding 49 others. Similar scenes took place at Tichoretsk.

The Boer Leaders.

The *Times*, commenting upon General Buller's interview with Mr. John Redmond, M.P., and Mr. W. O'Brien, M.P., and General Redmond's companionship with Dr. Leyds at Paris, remarks that the Boers really desire fellow-citizenship in heart and law, they must exhibit reciprocity, since their causality in regard to breaking the oath of neutrality in wartime renders it necessary to scrutinise their acts and intentions closely.

Mr Chamberlain's Reply to the Boer Appeal.

Dec. 2.—General Louis Botha has expressed confidence in, and gratitude for, Mr. Chamberlain's letter of the 6th November. General Botha now appeals for subscriptions for the injured and destitute, remarking that "concerning the widows and orphans, who are the immediate object of the solicitude of the Government, there is still room for assistance beyond the limits of official action. General Botha promises that there shall be no periodical statement of the distribution of the funds."

In his letter of November 6, after traversing statements made by the Boer generals in their appeal to the Continent for subscriptions, Mr. Chamberlain stated that the colonial Government assumed the entire responsibility for the maintenance of destitute orphans, and suitable provision would be made for widows.

Eighty-two acres of houses in the Ends Court district, London, the property of Lord Kensington, were sold by auction yesterday and realised £500,000, or a sum of £250,000 below what was expected.

The winter in North America is very severe. There is a foot deep of snow in New Jersey. The wolves of Mexico and New Mexico have descended from the mountains and are preying upon sheep in the valleys.

The heavily pitted, at Pontypidd, Wales, has been closed owing to the absence of a wages arrangement. One thousand men have been thrown out of work.

The newspaper *The Spectator* has been fined for publishing a better advertisement. The case was brought forward as a test. An appeal has been lodged.

Dec. 3.—Lloyd and Lloyd, Limited, manufacturers of wrought iron tubes and fittings, of Birmingham, and A. and J. Stewart and Sons, Limited, of Glasgow, are amalgamating under the style of A. and J. Stewart and Lloyd and Lloyd. The capital of the amalgamation is £1,400,000.

(Via German Mail.)

The Sensation Divorce Case.

Calcutta, December 9.—The London correspondent of the *Indian Daily News*, telegraphing on the 8th instant, states that the divorce case in which Sir Charles Cradock, Bart., is co-respondent, is causing a great sensation. It has already occupied seven days. There are cross charges made that, after the marriage, Sir Charles Cradock-Hartopp obtained from Mr. C. H. Wilson, M.P., his wife's father, the sum of £12,000 to settle with his former mistress, Mr. Wilson, in open Court, described Sir Charles Cradock-Hartopp as a lying scoundrel. A great sensation was caused when the respondent admitted that he offered her husband £20,000 to allow her to divorce him.

[Sir Charles Cradock-Hartopp was born in 1858, and succeeded his father in 1888. He married in 1895, but there is no son; his first-born son in 1895, is his heir. Sir Charles was educated at Eton; was formerly a lieutenant in the Scots Guards, and served in the Egyptian Campaign in 1882 (medal and clasp); and owns about 2,000 acres. The divorce case, which is now being tried at the High Court, is a sensational one. Sir Charles is 37 years of age, and succeeded his father in 1895. He married the daughter of the first Marquis of Abercromby in 1899, but eight years later divorced her, and then married Miss Viscountess Darnley, who was born in 1890, and whose father is Sir Charles's father-in-law. Sir Charles's wife is now living at 15, Grosvenor Place, London, and is the daughter of Colonel W. H. C. Wessley.]

Obituary.
Lahore, Dec. 5.—Lieutenant Finca, R.A.M.C., died at Peshawar yesterday from enteric fever.

The death occurred here to-day of Mr. D. K. Brown, of the Dalhousie football team.

The Bishops and the Education Bill.
London, December 11.—The Bishops have called their Education amendment dealing with the maintenance of schools in face of Government and Liberal opposition in the House of Lords.

It is expected that the House of Commons will ignore the amendment as a breach of privilege.

The Uganda Railway.
December 10.—The House of Commons agreed to a resolution granting a bill for the loan of £600,000 for the Uganda Railway. Lord Cranborne admitted that the increase was partly due to avoidable mistakes and that further expenditure was possible, but the cost compared favourably with the Cape and Natal railways, averaging £2,500 per mile.

To-day's Advertisements.
HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION.
THE COMPETITION ON SATURDAY.
The 27th December, will be for the LONG RANGE CUP AND SPOONS, commencing at 2.15 p.m. Ranges 700, and 800 yards. 10 shots and a sighter at each Range.

M. S. NORTHCOTE, Hon. Secretary.
Hongkong, December 24, 1902. 2630

In the Matter of ORDINANCE No. 2 of 1902.
And
In the Matter of the PETITION OF GEORGE ARCHIBALD LOWRY, Mechanical Engineer, of 1124, Monadnock Block, 260 Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois, United States of America, for the exclusive use within the Colony of Hongkong of an Invention for "Process of and Apparatus for Ginning Cotton and Similar Material."

NOTICE is hereby given that the Petition, Specification and Declaration required by the above Ordinance have been duly filed in the Office of the Colonial Secretary of Hongkong, and that it is the intention of the said GEORGE ARCHIBALD LOWRY to apply at the Sitting of the Executive Council hereinafter mentioned for a LETTERS PATENT for the exclusive use within the said Colony of Hongkong of the said Invention.

And Notice is hereby also given that a Sitting of the Executive Council, before which the matter of the said Petition will come for decision, will be held in the Council Chamber, at the Government Offices, Victoria, Hongkong, on Friday, the 2nd day of January, 1903.

Dated the 19th day of December, 1902.
STEPHENS & THOMSON, Solicitors for the Applicant.

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The Vendor requests the public to come and inspect same which are on view in our sales rooms from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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Hongkong, 22nd December, 1902. 2638

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A. TURNER, Hon. Sec'y.
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Hongkong, December 24, 1902. 2634

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALCUTTA.
THE Steamship "CATHARINE APCAR," Captain S. H. Benson, will be despatched for the above Ports on TUESDAY, the 30th December, at 3 p.m.
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Hongkong, December 24, 1902. 2647

IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL LINE.
NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.
THE Steamship "PRINZESS IRENE," OF THE NOIRDEUTSCHER LLOYD, having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods, with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables, are being landed and stored at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Ltd., Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.
Optional cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before 3 p.m. to-day.
No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after 31st Dec., will be subject to rent.
All broken, chafed, and damaged goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on Wednesday, the 31st Dec., at 9.30 a.m.
All Claims must reach us before the 4th Jan., or they will not be recognised.
No Fire Insurance will be countersigned by the underwriter.
NORDEUTSCHER LLOYD, MERCHANTS & CO., Agents.
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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.
SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

FOR NEW YORK.

S.S. Adria, Capt. SCHAAFSCHMIDT, 28th December, 1902. Freight.

FOR GENOA AND HAMBURG.

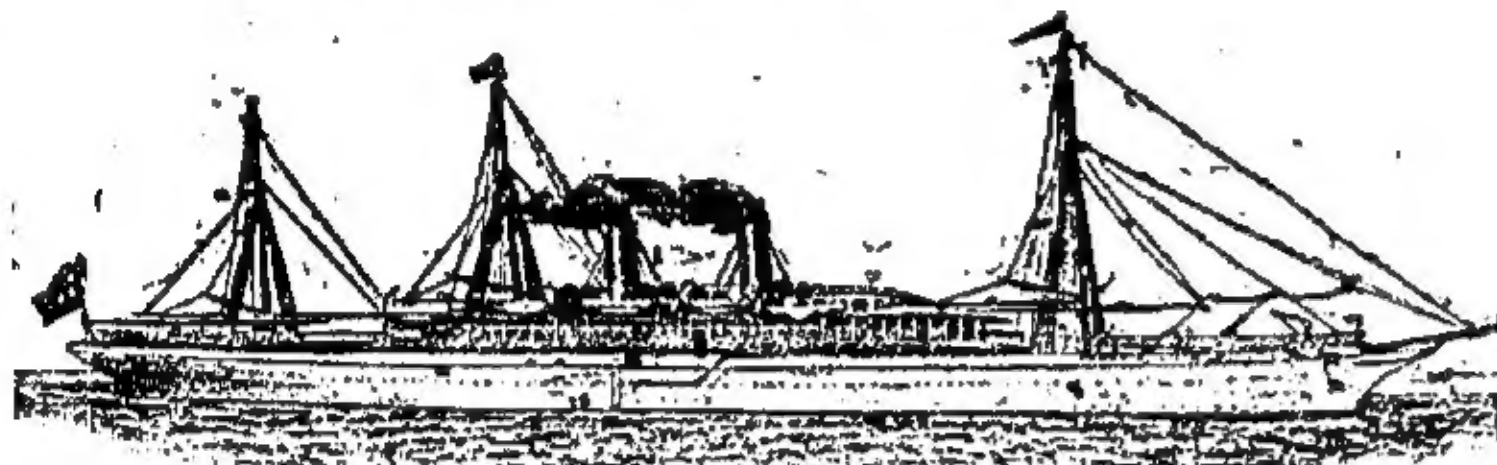
S.S. Strassburg, Capt. MAHNE, 30th December, 1902. Freight and Passengers.

FOR HAVRE AND HAMBURG.

S.S. Nürnberg, Capt. JASPER, 13th January, 1903. Freight.

FOR HAVRE AND HAMBURG.

S.S. Silesia, Capt. BAHL, 27th January, 1903. Freight and Passengers.

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| Ship | Tons | Day | Month |
|-----------------------------|------|-----------|---------------|
| R.M.S. ATHENIAN | 3882 | WEDNESDAY | Dec. 31, 1902 |
| R.M.S. EMPRESS OF CHINA | 6000 | WEDNESDAY | Jan. 14, 1903 |
| R.M.S. EMPRESS OF INDIA | 6000 | WEDNESDAY | Feb. 11, 1903 |
| R.M.S. EMPRESS OF JAPAN | 6000 | WEDNESDAY | Mar. 11, 1903 |
| R.M.S. EMPRESS OF AUSTRALIA | 6000 | WEDNESDAY | Apr. 11, 1903 |
| R.M.S. EMPRESS OF AFRICA | 6000 | WEDNESDAY | May 11, 1903 |
| R.M.S. EMPRESS OF AMERICA | 6000 | WEDNESDAY | Jun. 11, 1903 |
| R.M.S. EMPRESS OF ASIA | 6000 | WEDNESDAY | Jul. 11, 1903 |
| R.M.S. EMPRESS OF EUROPE | 6000 | WEDNESDAY | Aug. 11, 1903 |
| R.M.S. EMPRESS OF OCEANIA | 6000 | WEDNESDAY | Sep. 11, 1903 |
| R.M.S. EMPRESS OF AUSTRALIA | 6000 | WEDNESDAY | Oct. 11, 1903 |
| R.M.S. EMPRESS OF AFRICA | 6000 | WEDNESDAY | Nov. 11, 1903 |
| R.M.S. EMPRESS OF AMERICA | 6000 | WEDNESDAY | Dec. 11, 1903 |

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| Steamship | Tons | Captain | Hongkong |
|------------|------|---------------------|-------------------|
| INDRAVELLI | 4899 | W. E. Craven | January 14, 1903 |
| INDRAPURA | 4899 | A. E. Hollingsworth | February 13, 1903 |

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Hongkong, 20th December, 1902.

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(THE JAPAN MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.)

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

| Steamers | Destinations | Sailing Dates |
|------------------------------|--|-----------------------------------|
| SADO MARU, S. J. G. PARSONS | MARSEILLES, LONDON and ANTWERP, Via SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO & PORT SAID. | SATURDAY, 27th Dec., Daylight. |
| YAWATA MARU, A. E. MOSES | NAGASAKI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA. | SATURDAY, 27th Dec., at Noon. |
| SHINANO MARU, W. THOMPSON | VICTORIA, B.C. and SEATTLE, U.S.A., Via SHANGHAI, MOI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA. | TUESDAY, 30th Dec., at 4 p.m. |
| KUMANO MARU, E. W. HASWELL | SYDNEY and MELBOURNE, Via MANILA THURSDAY ISLAND, TOWNSVILLE and BRISBANE. | THURSDAY, 1st Jan., at 4 p.m. |
| SANUKI MARU, W. THOMPSON | KOBE and YOKOHAMA. | FRIDAY, 2nd Jan., at Daylight. |
| BOMBAY MARU, W. THOMPSON | BOMBAY, Via SINGAPORE and COLOMBO. | FRIDAY, 2nd Jan., at Noon. |
| KAWACHI MARU, J. S. THOMPSON | MARSEILLES, LONDON, and ANTWERP, Via SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO and PORT SAID. | SATURDAY, 10th Jan., at Daylight. |

Through Passenger Tickets issued to the Principal Cities in the United States, Canada, and Europe, in connection with the Great Northern Railway and Atlantic Steamers. Round-the-World Tickets also issued. Between Moji and Kobe, 1st and 2nd Class Through Passengers have the option of travelling by the Sanyo Railway.

For further information as to Freight, Passage, Sailings, &c., apply at the Company's Local Branch Office in Prince's Buildings, First Floor, Chater Road.

A. S. Mihara, Manager.

Hongkong, December 23, 1902.

Shipping.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FORTNIGHTLY SAILINGS FOR LONDON.
MONTHLY SAILINGS FOR LIVERPOOL.

| FROM | STEAMERS | DATE |
|-----------------------|------------|----------------|
| GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL | TELENACHUS | 31st December. |
| GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL | PROMETHEUS | 8th January. |
| GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL | TYRUS | 14th January. |
| GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL | DIOMEDE | 28th January. |

| TO | STEAMERS | DATE |
|-----------|------------|----------------|
| LONDON | PELUS | 8th January. |
| LONDON | ANTON | 20th January. |
| LONDON | TELENACHUS | 3rd February. |
| LONDON | PROMETHEUS | 17th February. |
| LIVERPOOL | TYRUS | 20th January. |
| LIVERPOOL | DARFANUS | 28th February. |

Hongkong, December 23, 1902. BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION
COMPANY, LIMITED.

| FROM | STEAMERS | DATE |
|-----------------------|----------|---------------|
| GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL | PARLIS | 22nd January. |
| GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL | CHINGWU | 3rd February. |

| TO | STEAMERS | DATE |
|------------------------------------|----------|---------------|
| MARSEILLES, AMSTERDAM, AND ANTWERP | OPACK | 16th January. |

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Hongkong, December 23, 1902.

CHINA NAVIGATION CO., LD.

| FOR | STEAMER | TO SAIL |
|---|---------|----------------|
| KOBE | WUBU | 25th December. |
| SHANGHAI | KANGSU | 27th December. |
| NINGPO AND SHANGHAI | KANGSU | 29th December. |
| PORT DARWIN, THURSDAY ISLAND, COOKTOWN, CAIRNS, TOWNSVILLE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY and MELBOURNE. | CHINGTO | 29th December. |

* The attention of Passengers is directed to the Superior Accommodation offered by these Steamers, which are fitted throughout with Electric Light. A duly qualified Surgeon is carried.

† Taking Cargo on through bills of lading to all Yangtze and Northern China Ports.

‡ Taking Cargo and Passengers at through rates for all New Zealand, and other Australian Ports.

§ See Special Advertisement.

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Hongkong, December 24, 1902.

IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL LINE

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE.
STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, NAPLES, GENOA, ANTWERP, BREMEN/HAMBURG;
PORTS IN THE LEVANT, BLACK SEA AND BALTIC PORTS; ALSO LONDON, NEW YORK, BOSTON, BALTIMORE, NEW ORLEANS, GALVESTON AND SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS.

STEAMERS WILL CALL AT GIBRALTAR and at SOUTHAMPTON TO LAND PASSENGERS AND CARGO.

N.B.—CARGO CAN BE TAKEN ON THROUGH BILLS OF LADING FOR THE PRINCIPAL PLACES IN RUSSIA.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

| Steamers | Sailing Dates |
|----------------|------------------------------|
| BAVERN | WEDNESDAY, 24th December. |
| KONIG ALBERT | WEDNESDAY, 7th Jan., 1903. |
| PRINZESS IRENE | WEDNESDAY, 21st Jan., 1903. |
| DARMSTADT | WEDNESDAY, 4th Feb., 1903. |
| STUTTGART | WEDNESDAY, 18th Feb., 1903. |
| PREUSSEN | WEDNESDAY, 4th March, 1903. |
| HAMBURG | WEDNESDAY, 18th March, 1903. |
| PRINZ HEINRICH | WEDNESDAY, 1st April, 1903. |

* Steamers of the Hamburg-Amerika Linie, † Calling at Amsterdam.

ON WEDNESDAY, the 24th day of December, 1902, at Noon, the Steamship BAYERN, of the Norddeutscher Lloyd, Captain H. BLUMER, with MAILED PASSENGERS, SPECIE, and CARGO, will leave this Port as above. Calling at Naples and Genoa.

Shipping Orders will be granted till Noon, on Monday, the 22nd December, Cargo and Specie will be received on Board until 5 p.m. on Tuesday, the 23rd Dec., and Passes will be received at the Agency's Office until Noon on Tuesday, the 23rd Dec.

Contents of Packages are required. No Parcel Receipts will be signed for less than 25.00 and Parcels should not exceed Two Feet Cubic in Measurement.

The Steamer has splendid accommodation and carries a Doctor and Stewardsess. Linen can be washed on board.

For further Particulars, apply to Norddeutscher Lloyd.

Melchers & Co., Agents.

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NORTHERN PACIFIC S.S. CO
BOSTON STEAMSHIP CO.
BOSTON TOW-BOAT CO.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

Via Shanghai, Inland Sea of Japan, Kobe and Yokohama.

FOR VICTORIA, B.C., AND TACOMA

IN CONNECTION WITH

NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY CO.

| Steamers | Tons | Captains | 1902. |
|----------|------|----------------|----------|
| TREMONT | 3606 | T. W. Garlick | Dec. 30. |
| VICTORIA | 3602 | J. Pantou | Jan. 3. |
| OLYMPIA | 2837 | J. Truebridge | Jan. 17. |
| PLEIADES | 3753 | F. G. Purinton | Jan. 24. |

Steamers marked (*) have no passenger accommodation.

THE attention of passengers is directed to the very cheap rates offered by this Line to the PACIFIC COAST and to the INTERIOR and EASTERN CITIES of the UNITED STATES and to EUROPE.

Special rates allowed to members of Government Services.

Through Bills of Lading issued to PACIFIC COAST POINTS and to the Principal Cities in the United States and Canada.

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Doddwell & Co., Limited, General Agents.

Hongkong, December 24, 1902.

Shipping.

PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAMSHIP
NAVIGATION COMPANY

WILL dispatch VESSELS to the Undermentioned PORTS on the DATE

| FOR | STEAMSHIP | CAPTAIN | DATE |
|--------------|--------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| YMA VIA SHAI | MOI AND KOBE | R. A. PETERS | About 30th Dec. |
| KOBE | MOI | G. R. LONGDEN, R.N. | About 31st Dec. |
| SHANGHAI | Chusan | C. L. DANIEL | 2nd January. |
| LONDON, &c. | Valetta | W. B. PALMER, R.N. | Noon, 3rd Jan. |

LONDON VIA SUEZ, PANG, CLEO, PORT SAID & MARSEILLES. Bombay, H. S. BRIDGEMAN, Noon, 7th Jan.

PASSENGER SEASON, 1903.

For MARSEILLES, PLYMOUTH and LONDON Direct, 5,064 Tons, 28th March.

Without Transshipment.

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† For Freight only.

For Freight or Passage, and further Particulars, apply to

P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office, Hongkong, December 24, 1902.

E. A. HEWETT, Superintendent.

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HONGKONG—MANILA.

Highest Class, newest, fastest and most luxurious Steamers between Hongkong and Manila. Saloon amidships. Electric Light—Perfect Cuisine—Surgeon carried. All the most up-to-date arrangements for comfort of Passengers.

CHINA AND MANILA STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

| Steamship | Tons | Captain | For | Sailing Dates |
|-----------|------|--------------|---------------|------------------|
| ZAFIRO | 2540 | R. Rodger | Manila Direct | Dec. 24, at Noon |
| PERLA | 1980 | J. McGinty | — | — |
| RUBI | 2540 | R. W. Almond | — | — |
| DIAMANTE | 1980 | A. H. Nately | — | — |

For Freight or Passage, apply to

Shewan, Tomes & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, December 20, 1902.

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OSAKA SHOSHEN KAISHA.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

| FOR | STEAMER | LEAVING |
|-------------------------------|-------------|----------------------|
| TAMSOI, Via SWATOW AND AMOY. | DAIGI MARU | SUNDAY, 28th Dec. |
| FOOCHOW, Via SWATOW AND AMOY. | ANPING MARU | WEDNESDAY, 31st Dec. |

The Co.'s new Steamers are specially designed for the coast trade of South China and Formosa, and are fitted with all modern improvements. Excellent accommodation is provided for 1st class passengers, and a duly qualified Doctor is carried.

All Steamers carry the Imperial Japanese Mail, subject to periodical inspection by the Government Marine Surveyors, and are registered at the highest at Lloyd's.

Steamers will alongside the Co.'s Pontoon at the Customs water-front premises at Tamsoi to land all Passengers and cargo.

For Freight, Passage and further information apply at the Co.'s Local Branch Office, at No. 2, Des Voeux Road Central.

T. ARIMA, Manager.

Hongkong, December 24, 1902.

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CHINA NAVIGATION CO., LIMITED.

REGULAR STEAMSHIP SERVICE TO NEW YORK.

Via PORTS AND SUM CANAL (With Liberty to Call at Philippine Ports)

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

CROYDON, About 28th Dec. 1903.

MOGUL, 6th Jan.

HINDUSTAN, 15th Jan.

SHIMOSA, To Follow.

For Freight and further information, Apply to

DODWELL & CO., LTD., Agents.

Hongkong, December 23, 1902.

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TOYO KISEN KAISHA

(ORIENTAL S. S. CO.)

REGULAR SERVICE BETWEEN HONGKONG AND MANILA IN 48 HOURS.

THE Company's well-known Steamship ROBILIA MARU, 3869 Tons,

Captain E. P. BISHOP, will be despatched for MANILA on TUESDAY, the 30th December, at Noon. To be followed by Resetta Maru on or about 6th January.

Magnificent Accommodation. Comfortable Cabins. Excellent Table. Unrivalled Speed. Electric Light. Doctor and Stewardsess carried.

For Freight or Passage, apply to THE MITSUBI BUSSAN KAISHA, Agents.

Prince's Buildings, Ice House Street, Hongkong, December 24, 1902.

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FOR GENOA, ANTWERP AND LONDON.

BENLOMOND, Capt. HUTTON, will be despatched as above on WEDNESDAY, the 31st Dec.

For Freight or Passage, apply to GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, December 22, 1902.

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NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

FOR MANILA.

THE Co.'s Japanese Mail Steamship, KUMANO MARU, 5,000 Tons, Captain E. W. HASWELL, will be despatched for the above Port on THURSDAY, the 1st January, at 4 p.m.

This well-known Steamer is specially constructed for service in the Tropics, and is provided with superior Accommodation and with all modern fittings and improvements for the safety and comfort of Passengers. Electric Light and Refrigerator. Doctor and Stewardsess carried.

For Freight or Passage, apply to A. S. MIHARA, Manager.

Hongkong, December 20, 1902.

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Shipping.

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCOW.

THE Company's Steamship HAITAN, Captain ROACH, will be despatched for the above Ports on THURSDAY, the 25th December, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LAFRAIK & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, December 22, 1902.

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INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA.

THE Company's Steamship YUEN SANG, Captain P. H. ROBERT, will be despatched as above on SATURDAY, the 27th Inst., at 4 p.m.

This steamer has superior accommodation for First Class Passengers, and is fitted throughout with Electric Light.

For Freight or Passage, apply to JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, December 23, 1902.

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FOR SAN FRANCISCO VIA SANTA ROSALIA (MEXICO).

THE Steamship VICTORIA, Captain CAREY, will be despatched for the above port on or about the 28th December.

For Freight &c., apply to SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, December 17, 1902.

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STEAM FOR STRAITS, CEYLON, AUSTRALIA

INDIA, ADEN, EGPT, MEDITERRANEAN PORTS, PLYMOUTH AND LONDON.

Through Bills of Lading issued for BATAVIA, PERSIAN GULF, CONTINENTAL, AMERICAN PORTS, AND SOUTH AFRICAN PORTS.

THE Steamship TALLETTA, Capt. W. B. PALMER, R.N., carrying His Majesty's Mails, will be despatched from this Port on SATURDAY, the 3rd Jan., 1903, at Noon, taking Passengers and Cargo for the above Ports.

Suez and Yeddo Mail Cargo for France, and Tea for London, (under arrangements will be transhipped at Colombo into a steamer proceeding direct to Marseilles and London; other cargo for London, &c., will be conveyed via Bombay, WITH TRANSHIPMENT.

Parcels will be received at this Office until 4 p.m. the day before sailing. The contents and value of all packages are required.

Shippers are particularly requested to note the terms and conditions of the Company's Bills of Lading.

For further Particulars, apply to E. A. HEWETT, Superintendent.

P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office, Hongkong, December 20, 1902.

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"GLEN" LINE OF STEAMSHIPS.

FOR LONDON.

THE Steamship GLENLOCHY, Captain E. J. STELLARD, will be despatched as above on MONDAY, the 5th January, 1903.

For Freight, apply to MCGREGOR BROS. & GOW.

Hongkong, December 16, 1902.

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EASTERN & AUSTRALIAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.

(Calling at Timor, Port Darwin, and Queensland Ports, and taking through Cargo to Adelaide, New Zealand, Tasmania, &c.)

THE Steamship EASTERN, Captain ELLIS, will be despatched as above on FRIDAY, the 9th January, 1903, at Daylight.

